Memoria

R.B. Clapp

1 right hind
1 left hind

11 April

Need from hotel
clothes
ruler
literature
binoculars (in case)

Meke Mesa - R.B. Clapp

When we arrived at Meke Mesa I immediately walked out to the crest of the ridge to see if the hybrid buzzards were there. One was preening itself in an area void of other birds and did not appear to be nesting. Of particular interest was that the bird had a pure white back as in the specimens. I saw no spotty on the wings either. This then is most likely the

form of the adult hybrid. The spotted and Blueheaded birds seen previously (must have been a subadult but because of the interval since it was last seen) it is possible that the bird I saw today may have been the same bird.

Of perhaps more interest I saw what I believe are the parents of the birds a mixed pair of Brown and Blue-faced Boobies. Unfortunately I could not take the next week enough Pan on the top and when about 35 minutes later when I had managed to work myself to the edge of the colony, both the Blue-faced Booby and the hybrid had gone. Since I saw and Booby nests on the area

in which the birds were staying and since all were typical Brown Booby nests it seems highly likely that the parents of the hybrid(s) consist of a female Brown Booby and a male Blue-faced Booby.

Correction adult BFB near nest but not the abandoned eggs to pair with Brown. Brown nest was a bowl of mud Nest was located at an elevation of 60-75 feet on bushy-clad ridge-crest of Brown's extinct volcano. Nest site was highly typical of the (female) Brown Booby in the Galapagos and not nearly as open as one would expect of a Blue-faced Booby in the same situation.

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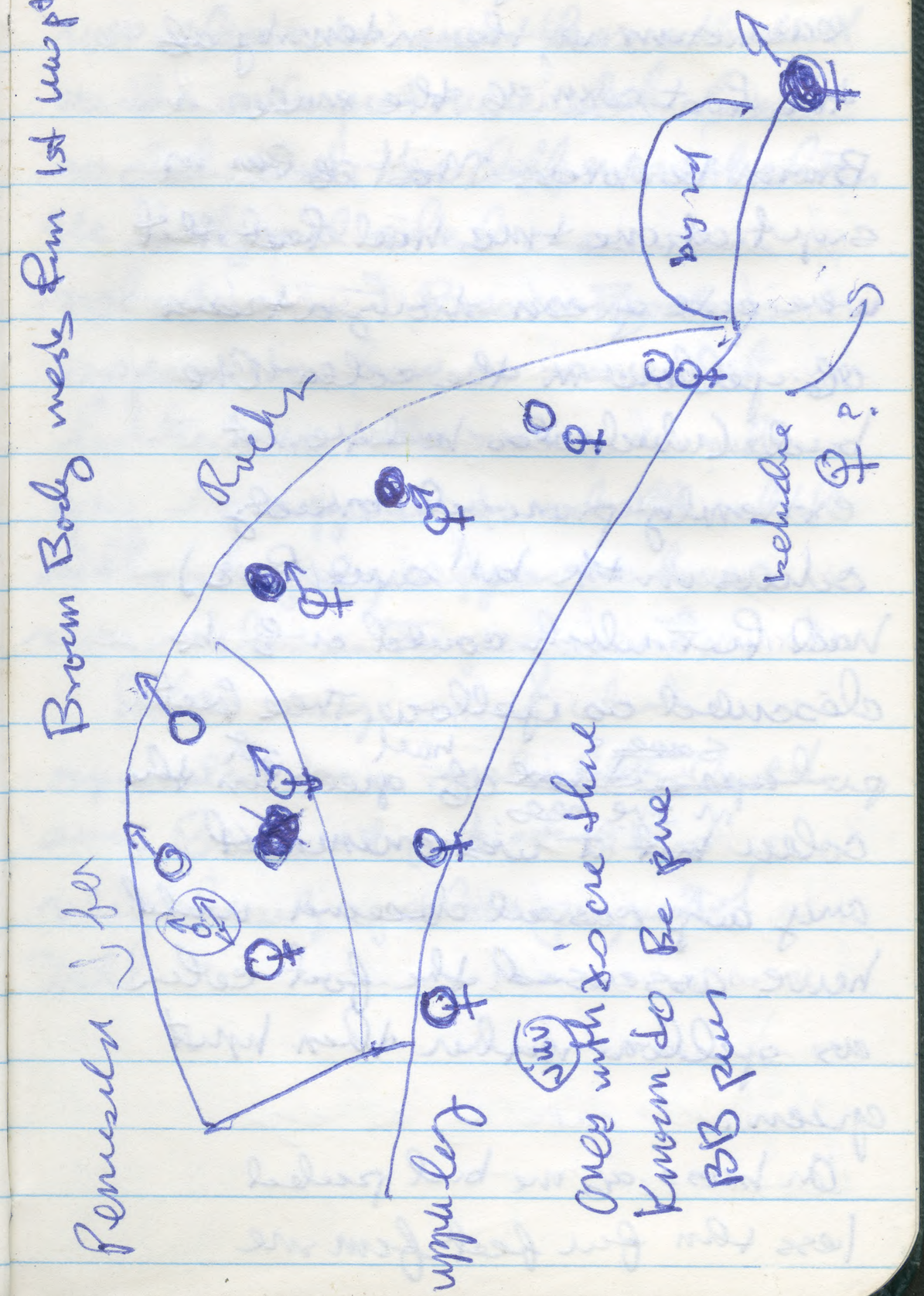
Since all that male Blue-face chose the nest site there is some question whether those two birds were the parents of the chicks. It is hard to picture but it looked to me like the BFB was an adult & juv from last year color and size. I thought it squawked when it flew but my head was down writing notes so I cannot be certain.

Most of the BB in the dune & perimeter are white eyes but all graduates are present up to new fledglings. This island may support the largest Brown Booby population in the Hawaiian Islands.


Brown Booby nests from 1st two pts.
Brown
Perimeter
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There was a good bit of variation in the intensity of the foot color of the male Brown Boobies. Most of our in sight at one time had feet that were pale green showing a trace of yellow in the color. One bird (which also had the red extremely pronounced breeding colors in the bill and face) had feet which could only be described as yellow. Three feet perhaps ~~a same~~ ~~trace~~ of ~~green~~ had in the color but it was minimal in eye ass. any any casual observer would have assessed the foot color as yellow rather than light green.

One boss of me had pecked less than four feet from me

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immature/subadult (This bird was closer to imm. than subadult as the indepts were dark brown so dark that the difference between the belly and chest area was not obvious.) Brown Boobies appear to have a somewhat lighter inner color - a pure silver gray - as opposed to ochells which although gray appear to have more melanistic pigment.

After say about what appeared to be a male BFB landed among Brns at port at 1510 - very heavy yellow pigmented bill

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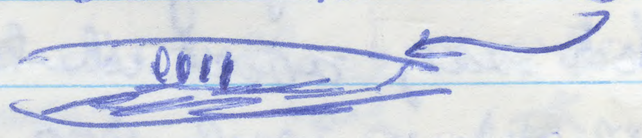
Hybrid seen again sorry
1820 sorry seen outer rock
and passerines are the
peninsula - white patch on
forehead rest of head and
neck scaled brown. Looked
like more dark on wings than
in normal blue face - Also
had some smudgy on the
centers of the wings - extends
from the dark slaty - somewhat like



Male KB BFB landed in BB
colony again but took off before
it could reveal whether it
was paired with BB.
Hybrid flew by at eye
level again -

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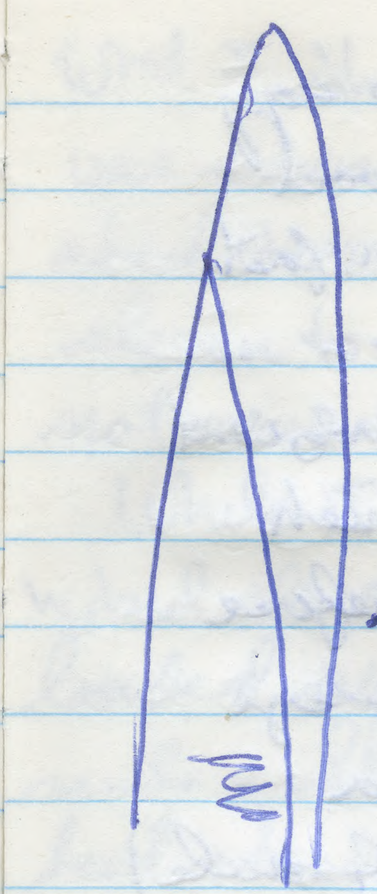


some dark wing

some fledgy on wings above
dark tail - Looks smaller than
BFB - Flew to a nest directly
below me with what looks like
a BFB egg. Missed when I
went three colony before. Egg
much covered with dirt - May not
be viable - Feet greenish ahead
same color as Brown but very
dull in color - Paid no

particular attention to eggs but preened neck a good bit as I stood less than a foot away among Sooty Terns. Nearest active BB nest only about five feet away. Bill much duller than normal Blue-face (even female) and to my eye more closely resembled a Brown Booby (non-breeding male) coloration. Iris color ~~appeared~~ hard to tell at close I was away from bird but appeared to be a pretty good intermediate.

For what it's worth where hybrid landed was a good 20-25 yards from when of BFB landed.

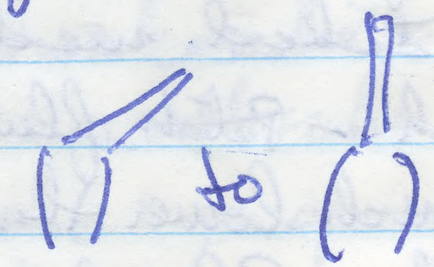
What I thought was BFB ~~nest~~ egg was covered by Sooty Tern - check tomorrow. Hybrid moved closer to BB (female) on nest not more than

While I was with 2nd hybrid almost same appearance landed about 20 yards back - Skypointed neck, head straight up tail not much corked wings seemed to be held ~~down~~ to body - About ten sky points - Pecked bird out became ~~I~~ bird mad - Call wheezed - Patch fluffy and patch much lower than that of display Blue-faced Male - Took flight, refused to sky point several more times as flew took flight again

11 April 1969 yesterday in terms of battle actions -

2nd hybrid a good 30 feet from first. Its behaviour would indicate that the bird was not paired. It always returned to the same spot however so it is apparently setting up a territory. By this time often bird 1840 had wandered over 15 feet on a diagonal - the general direction of the display bird.

Head not always shouted up in display - range about



Bird keeps tail flicked

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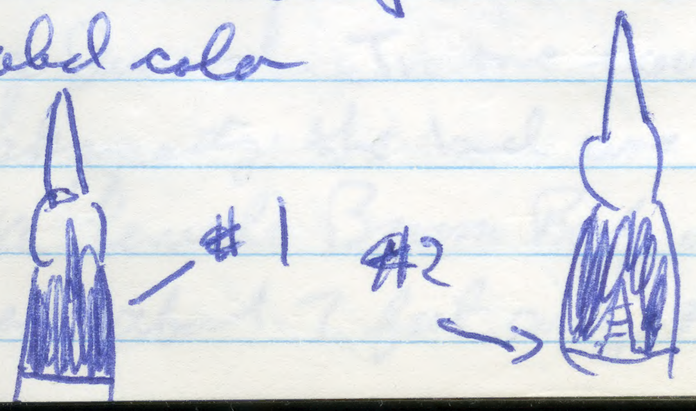
Landed new BB not at perch owing by BB & who was lifted as she died so.

Bird billed large polyethene bill 4 x 8 mm nares as if to pull it under chat kept wireless bill to BB nest and had shiny bill perhaps exchange - # 2 took flight again.

2nd hybrid can be distinguished from first in that brown colour in front of neck has faint white in an inverted V up neck but not all of way - other head has naked colour



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#2 very restless continuously flight 1st hybrid phlegmater - bandy moved from original position.

Not sure but think label two also has more white on forehead.

Male sp by #2 back at original band position.

Timed observation 1555

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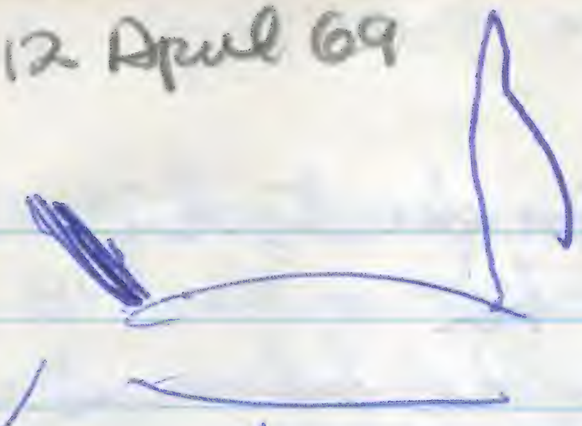

Tail detail so

0740 - when I got to the peninsula the dyed #2 was still there on the very same position he occupied last visit #1 (#02 nowhere in evidence Skypointing frequently - Clouds but weather fair photography

The male evidently often had no object in sight when he skypointed ~~evidently~~ unlike the White Booby males described by Dunnet. In one bout of skypointing the bird was facing a female Brown Booby on a nest about 7 feet away &

may have been directed his attentions to her

On yesterday the behaviour of the other hybrid closely appeared that reported for Bernard for unmated females eg. "which did not take up station but walked about, appeared uneasy, in the colony" except for the fact the bird did not appear uneasy - almost phlegmatic in fact. The fact that "she" moved in the direction of the skypoints male may or may not be significant.

Unlike Bernards reported male display the little of all and any sign of the type of the wings appeared to result from the arching of the

body occurring during skypoint display. At least in the nature of today's & yesterdays displays & in another element they displays of the Brown Booby as described by Dwood. The site upon which the bird was displaying was evidently not a nest-site (for either species) as the male was slowly ambling up onto small rocks on an area typ smaller than would be occupied by a typical Brown Booby nest on this island and certainly totally unlike any nest site of mine ever seen of a Blue-faced Booby.

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Bird took abt 820 sound dist
a bit landed about 20 feet
towards me from 1st place.
Took off & landed again on
ungrassed display site. Then
strutted wildly around with
for a distance of about 20 feet
between nest & Brown Boobies
and return to site. Then would
Picked up a 4" inch long grass vegetable
piece of nest
walked nearly 35 feet from
nest, flew with it and deposited
in on display site.
Usually response of # 2 to
a threat of BB on a nest
was a BUFA or abuse of
disorder and departure from
the area
For past half hour to abt 840
H2 has been sitting on nest site

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and making no particular
pronounced behavior of any sort.
Visits again at 850 -
two telephoto shots at 150 & 8
Most of the time 10 SR up
to this point appears to be
BB on nest. On one-lower
orientation definitely appears
to be to 2 BB flying overhead
0858 - Abt a minute out 1/2
of BB fledgel - send out
on nest lucky dam count. Helen?
a Deva ?

5.6	250
4	500
4	60

12 Apr 69

Sp. agst the 915 Time appeared directed to a female BB that had alighted at the nest nearest nest to his displays site. ♂'s nest was about 20-25 feet away and a male was incubating on it.

On several occasions - H2 would pick up pieces of twigs & replace them cried & "nest"

H2 cont SKP to female on 2nd nest. (Chargeing occured with male c.0920)

Then at 150° displayed to another ♀ BB remained & also displayed to it as it flushed & flew overhead HZ

12 April 69

4 Day saw Brn Baby mallards as our egg and one aba Sandy Tern.

SKP- to ♀ BB Flyover

Since watching circulation of displays more closely now doubt accuracy of statement about lack of display object made earlier -

While walking thru colony to take flight Hybrid was harassed by a Brown Noddy which kept close at its head. Only reacted to shake head at Noddy

Definitely shy part at less than 5 sec intervals like BB

12 April 69

As A took flight in one instance it made an aerial stab at a BB 3 roosts on the quad-newly. BB repulsed by lunging with the bill at by ds but he hit hung out. Subsequently the same BB was attacked by a CN and evidently disconnected by A all took flight.

1120 In one instance when a pair of BB were together at the nest H2 opened his beak slightly, pointed at the two birds and gave a muffled huff-huff call almost identical in quality to that given by a male Brown Body greeting his mate at the nest.

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Stopped obs 1145

Sooty Tern return
773-00569 BBB all primaries new
773-00548 egg on egg 2
923-08966 egg 1 BBP
1330 -
Often on shut flights from the nest H2, when he alighted would reach down, pick up a twig, and carefully replace it in his nest."
H2 carefully watched all BB flying overhead and appeared cold every displayed to them but never did to males.

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Finally at 1423 A_2 gave a series of 5 to 7 SP with no discernible object that I could certainly see. The initial SP was to a Brown Noddy flying about 10 feet above her head and then back in the air mass churn at that time. Possibly this behavior was an overspill from response to the several BB that had flown overhead a few moments prior to the display bout.

Grew @ 1425 but shots thereafter -

[Saw CF male with thrust fully expanded and head thrown back along bottom of tales on way to make above obs.]

No.

Passed a roosting BB & about 15 yards away

A_2 left again about 1435

Saw male BB sk in flight as put a leg around chick of a female - some of population has not yet nested.

The whole day while I sat here Hyla sk 1 was on a nest but hidden from me behind a rock

Silly on Iraqis have their Brown's nest typical of Brown Body - feet appear to be somewhat more yellowish than other bird.

16 tail feathers. Irs very pale grey-greenish yellow. As I sit 3/4 feet from her?

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photographing - she would peck at the guard & give a low hoarse hiss - but held in in overture of a BFB squawk - Sounds much like the "voiceless" BFB of the southern islands - or in other words a BFB & with a terrible case of laryngitis

Held out my notebook to her and she grabbed at it and laryngeals squeaked it a lusty cough can be avoided a squeak -

Her nest a good 30 feet from the main colonies nest from which Hz displays

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Fell asleep ca 1830 but awaken at 1840 by calls Hz which had relaxed

		Hz
Hi bell	104	109
Cuel	~~405~~ 446	446
tac	426	423
tail	~~212~~ 186	191

587-86709 ↓ 587-86708

797-27802 -

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13 Apr. Got over to pt at c. 745. Neither hybrid there. But at nest where hybrid was yesterday is a female BB - Could not catch - No bylers Top 845 so left

13 Apul 1969

One adult intermediate phase redpoll was a [rich brown
Can darker than juvs but]
one merits the body but only
white very well up the back
between the wings and with
some patches of white on the
wings -

Other rock could count at
least 28 RPB nests - Body
Terr nests all over
Minimum 5 BB nests very likely
10 or more true point. Common
Waders very numerous & present
nesting.

From top of Mesa WHO hybrid
back on display as again

13 Apul 69

Watching from above. Saw
see instances of SP by Hz
that do not seem to be closely
orientated towards any other
bird. Again today as on
yesterday. Bird took flight
come back, landed about
30-40 feet from nest picked
up a sprig of vegetation,
and then flew with it to
the display area where it
was added to the "nest"
[Since I am further away
I could cause no disturbance?)
A Male BB was SP towards
female on nest 7. Too far away
to hear call.

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Heard female & BB nearby
closest to display site. Repeat
instance of bell sparrow (team?)
and immediately thereafter
& subsequently Az kept bell
well averted from female on
nest which did have bell
pointy toward them. Usually not
bufo but certainly bell away
back of head shorter than bill
was down on & during much of
this period.
Then bird hopped - flew about
4 feet further away from nest,
picked up a small twig,
flew, soared in a large circle
and alighted at nest deposited
the twig.

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handed beside nest and
closest nest female, then hand
twig walk away
Brought back another twig
to nest and placed it thereon
Often manipulates twigs
in nests but seems not
to peck material from
nest by nest. Seems always
to fly at on. Never saw
it walk a few steps away
and then pull up something
and bring back

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